Strike By D.T.C. Staff

258. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite invocation of the Essential Services Maintenance Act, the entire fleet of the DTC buses were off the road on the 14th January, 1987 and commuters had to face immense inconvenience;

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such token strikes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strike has been illegal. No work no pay has been enforced.

(c) Efforts are made by the management on a continuing basis to maintain harmonious industrial relations.

Integrated Vector Control Programme to Tackle Malaria

259. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently suggested to the Central Government to adopt an integrated vector control programme to tackle malaraia;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government on the new programme suggested by ICMR and by when the said programme is likely to be brought in action effectively; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to ascertain the loss of human lives due to malaria every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research, through its Malaria Research Centre, is conducting a feasibility-cum-demonstration study on the Integrated Vector Control of Malaria in Kheda district, Gujarat. The study was initially launched in 1983 in 7 villages (26,000 population) expanded to 14 more villages (34,000 population) in 1984 and to the entire Nadiad Taluka in 1985 comprising of 100 villages (0.35 million population). The experimental areas are being expanded to 1 million population to study the operational feasibility of the alternate strategy. The study in being launched at 9 other sites located in different malaria endemic zones of the country with different malariogenic potential.

The Central Government is supporting the project and providing financial assistance to carry out the field study.

(c) and (d) Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme, necessary infra-structure for fortnightly surveillance operations has been provided for monitoring the malaria incidence| deaths. As per reports received from the State|Union Territory Health authorities, 232 deaths have been reported during 1986 as under:—

Name of State/U.T.	Deaths
1. Andhra Pradesh	1
2. Assam	26
3. Bihar	21
4. Kerala	1
5. Madhya Pradesh	10
6. Maharashtra	6
7. Manipur	3
8. Meghalaya	1